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1. On 25 April, at the village of Dolni-Zibar, a long train of ox carts heavily loaded with sacks of maize was observed. A Czech barge, the second of such vessels, was being loaded with sacks of maize. Other Czech barges with similar cargoes are being loaded at other points on the Danube.
2. Another report states that up to the end of April, 20 barges of 1,000 tons each have been loaded with maize at the village of Bobril. These are presumably also bound for Czechoslovakia.
3. Much public comment is made over items in the Bulgarian press announcing the arrival of maize from Yugoslavia while Bulgarian maize is exported.

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(Comment: The possibility exists that maize is sent to Czechoslovakia as raw material for distilling alcohol, which is used as the fuel for guided missiles.)

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